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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 04 October 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 15, 16, and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ishizuka et al (5,569,913); Figure 2 of the Ishizuka et al reference shows a scale having only one track with diffractive gratings whereas the instant application shows a scale having two separate multiple tracks with diffractive gratings.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: An agreement was reached that the scale of the Ishizuka et al reference does not have multiple tracks as claimed and that the optical element of Ishizuka et al directs multiple beams onto the single scale. Applicant indicated that the claim would be amended to clarify minor issues.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Don Williams
Examiner's signature, if required